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SUBJECT: SINO-JAPANESE CIVAIR CONTROVERSY

- 1. SUBJECT OF SINO-JAPANESE CIVAIR CONTROVERSY CAME UP DURING APRIL 17 CALL BY GROC INFORMATION OFFICE DIRECTOR FREDERICK CHIEN (ACCOMPANIED BY ROC AMBASSADOR SHEN) ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY INGERSOLL. CHIEN MADE FAMILIAR POINTS ABOUT GROC POSITION, STRESSING THAT ALLEGED POSSIBLE OHIRA STATEMENT TO BE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH SIGNING OF GOJ-PRC CIVAIR AGREEMENT TO EFFECT THAT ROC "NOT A SOVEREIGN NATION" COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE TO GROC.
- 2. IN RESPONSE, INGERSOLL NOTED USG NON-INVOLVEMENT IN CONTROVERSY, ADDING, HOWEVER, THAT HE HOPED GROC AND GOJ WOULD SOMEHOW FIND A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE WAY OUT OF CURRENT IMPASSE. HE MENTIONED THAT HE HAD EXPRESSED SIMILAR SENTIMENTS TO JAPANESE AMBASSADOR HERE. INGERSOLL ALSO VOICED OUR CONCERN THAT, IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT, THERE CONFIDENTIAL

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SHOULD BE AN AIR INCIDENT INVOLVING CHINESE MILITARY

PLANES AND FOREIGN AIRLINES, THE GROC MIGHT BE THE SUBJECT OF WORLD CENSURE AS HAS BEEN THE CASE DURING PAST ISRAELI INCIDENTS WITH FOREIGN AIRLINERS. HE ALSO SAID AN AIR INCIDENT COULD HAVE REPERCUSSIONS ON GROC INTERESTS THROUGH EFFECTS ON OTHER AIRLINES AND POSSIBLY ON IFALPA ORGANIZATION WHICH IS CAPABLE OF DRASTIC ACTION.

3. REPLYING, CHIEN STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF POLITICAL PRINCIPLE AT STAKE TO GROC AND PROMISED TO REPORT FULLY INGERSOLL COMMENTS. HE SAID HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH IFALPA'S POWERS. KISSINGER

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